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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace Paragraph [0031] with the following amended paragraph:

—[0031] Distance BL defines the length of body 51. It has been found that it is critical to use at least six (and preferably seven) screws 54 for clamping knife 52 53 unto a body 51 having a distance BL of about 332 millimeters. Such number of screws 54 helps reduce snipe.

Preferably, the distance between screws 54 is substantially equal. Such distance is distance BS. In the body 52 51 having the distance BL of about 332 millimeters, distance BS is preferably about 49 millimeters. Distance BE is the distance between one end of body 51 and the screw 54 closest to such end. In the body 52 51 having the distance BE of about 332 millimeters, distance BS is preferably about 19 millimeters.—

Please replace Paragraph [0055] with the following amended paragraph:

—[0055] Each compression spring 142 may be disposed between the top of the bushing 140 and the bottom surface 66 of carriage 40 to exert a biasing force onto the bushing 140 which urges the bushing 140 downwardly toward the bracket 144. It is preferable that the biasing force provided by each spring 142 not be equal for all springs. This is because [WHY? NEED REASON HERE!!] Figure 4B shows the locations of the four springs 142A, 142B, 142C, 142D. The biasing forces of springs 142A, 142B, 142C, 142D are about 5 kilograms, about 20 kilograms, about 15 kilograms, and about 5 kilograms, respectively.—

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Please replace Paragraph [0059] with the following amended paragraph:

--[0059] Referring to Figure 6, it is preferable to dispose the roller 146 of first roller assembly 46 to be lower than the cutterhead assembly 50 at a rest position. The distance CA is the distance between the lowest point of the roller 146 of the first roller assembly 46 and the lowest point of cutterhead assembly 50. Distance CA is preferably about 0.8 millimeters. [WHY DO WE DO THIS? NEED EXPLANATION!!]

Please replace Paragraph [0060] with the following amended paragraph:

--[0060] Similarly, it is preferable to dispose the roller 146 of first roller assembly 48 to be lower than the cutterhead assembly 50 at a rest position. The distance CB is the distance between the lowest point of the roller 146 of the second roller assembly 48 and the lowest point of cutterhead assembly 50. Distance CB is preferably about 0.4 millimeters. [WHY DO WE DO THIS? NEED EXPLANATION!! ALSO, WHY THE DIFFERENCE IN DISTANCES CA AND CB??]